



**Re: FW: EPA request to obtain PCB samples from volunteer sites**



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Donell:

We thank you for your quick response and understand your concerns.

Best regards,

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Hello Guo, Thank you for the information regardi...

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Hello Guo,

Thank you for the information regarding the research program.

It appears that this study is specifically related to PCBs that may be found in schools. Would it not be more representative of the goal of the study to gather samples only from schools as opposed to including commercial type buildings in your study? if the goal of your study is to conduct research on PCB sources and levels in school environments, then I do not see how data derived from an commercial site will help you to achieve that purpose as it may unfairly skew the data set.

Therefore, in furtherance of the stated objective of the study, ABB will respectfully decline to

participate as our facility is not a school.

If the EPA desires to pursue a similar type of study for commercial/industrial exposure or risk related to building demolition, then ABB may be inclined to participate.

Sincerely,

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Our research plan titled PCBs in Caulk: Evaluation of Mitigation Methods and Source Characterization is posted in the EPA website:  
<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/hazard/tsd/pcbs/pubs/caulk/research-plan-draft.pdf>

As described in Section 5.3, we need caulk samples for PCB off-gassing tests. Our initial plan was for ORD/NERL to provide the field samples (see Section 5.3.1 and NERL research plan at <http://www.epa.gov/wastes/hazard/tsd/pcbs/pubs/caulk/research-plan.pdf>).

Because of the delay of the NERL studies, we are looking for several caulk samples from building owners on voluntary basis. It is not part of our study to link the test results to the environmental quality of the site where the samples are collected.

I would be glad to answer any further questions that the building owner may have.

Best regards,

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I do not have permission yet to collect samples from the ABB site  
in  
Windsor CT. Mr. Jackson of ABB has requested information about  
the  
program that EPA is performing (see email below) and would like  
to  
receive that information and review it prior to releasing any  
samples.

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Hello Jacqueline,

Malcolm Beeler of TRC Solutions (TRC) recently informed me that the EPA is looking to collect building materials that contain PCBs for research that the Office of Research and Development (ORD) is performing. I understand that you are aware of the Combustion Engineering (CE) facility in Windsor, CT and the building material types that are present at the site. Demolition and decommissioning of buildings at the CE site is currently ongoing . We are preparing to begin PCB abatement work under the Self-Implementation Plan that was recently approved by the EPA. ABB is open and interested in learning more about EPA's sample program in order to accommodate this request. I would ask that you please send me any information regarding the sample program so that I may evaluate ABB's interest in participating.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this program event.

Regards.

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